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Adm. Stansfield Turner
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Dear Adm. Turner:

What a pleasure it was to meet you in Cleveland yesterday. I enjoyed our candid conversations, privately, with members of our staff and later at the dinner hosted by Rube Mettler.

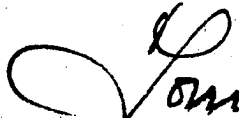
You certainly humanize our intelligence efforts, even keeping your sense of humor. With our staff and the businessmen with whom you met, you conveyed a confidence in our intelligence abilities which is very important to say the least. I hope you keep on with this kind of program as it is most effective, particularly the way you go about it.

I did not offer to have a professional reporter interview you as I felt you did not want to do that this time or your staff would have suggested it. However, if you do this elsewhere you may want to separate the public and private effort to reach a larger audience.

I would like to suggest that as you made so many interesting points, you have one of your aides put these thoughts together, say not over 1,000 words, and send an article along for our opposite-editorial page. We try to run analytical pieces there by prominent people. We can also arrange to send the article out on the wire if you would like us to do that. Most people do not understand our "hardware" advantage, K.G.B. analytical problems, and so on.

In any case, I hope we will keep in touch on and off the record and that you will let me know if there is anything we can do for you or your organization.

With best wishes and kindest regards,



Thomas Vail